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"SO THERE'S THIS
GUY, CALLS HIMSELF
THE SHADE --

"GRABBING RUNAWAYS
AND OTHER STREET
TYPES, MANY OF THEM
USERS, AND BLIPPING
THEM TO THE
ASTRAL PLANE --

"WHICH I ONLY KNOW BECAUSE
I HEARD IT FROM THE CONVICT
WHO WAS ABOUT TO USE THESE
POWERS AS A GET OUT OF JAIL FREE
CARD WHEN THIS GUY SWOOPED IN
AND GRABBED THE POWER --

"ONLY THE PROCESS
WAS MESS'D UP,
AND THE GUY WAS
MESS'D UP WITH IT --

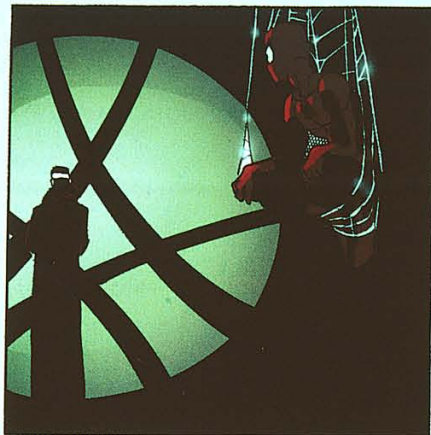
"--AND THAT'S WHEN
I DECIDED TO
COME TO YOU."

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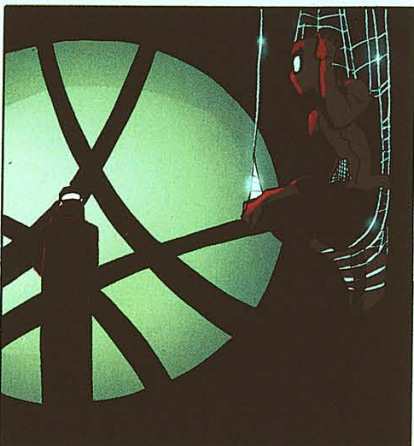


...AHEM...
AND THAT'S
WHEN I DECIDED
TO COME TO
YOU.



I'M MEDITATING ON
THE PROBLEM YOU HAVE
BROUGHT ME.

OH.



THIS GONNA TAKE LONG?
'CAUSE I COULD HEAD DOWN
TO TIMES SQUARE, GET A
SLICE OF PIZZA...

...DISCOVER
RADIUM...

...WORK OUT
THAT WHOLE
UNIFIED FIELD
THEORY...

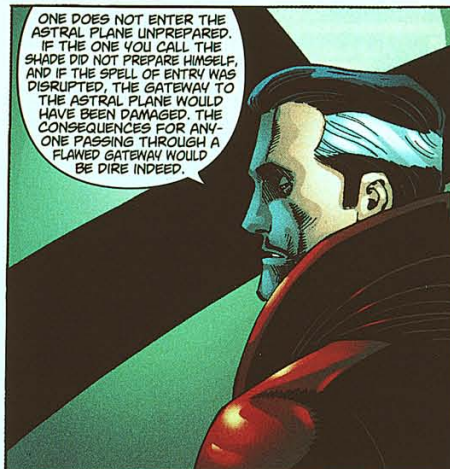
... 'CAUSE WHILE
YOU'RE BUSY... YOU KNOW...
MEDITATING, THERE'RE PEOPLE
GETTING GRABBED AND I HAVE A WIFE
I HAVEN'T SEEN IN A LONG TIME FLYING
IN SOON AND I'M PICKING HER UP AT THE
AIRPORT AND I DON'T WANT TO BE LATE.



YOU HAVE
AN UNQUIET
SPIRIT.

YEAH, I
GET THAT
A LOT.

SO YOU WANT
ME TO GET YOU A
SLICE WITH PEPPERONI
WHILE I'M AT IT, OR
ARE WE GONNA
FIGURE THIS OUT
THIS CENTURY?



ONE DOES NOT ENTER THE
ASTRAL PLANE UNPREPARED.
IF THE ONE YOU CALL THE
SHADE DID NOT PREPARE HIMSELF,
AND IF THE SPELL OF ENTRY WAS
DISRUPTED, THE GATEWAY TO
THE ASTRAL PLANE WOULD
HAVE BEEN DAMAGED. THE
CONSEQUENCES FOR ANY-
ONE PASSING THROUGH A
FLAMED GATEWAY WOULD
BE DIRE INDEED.



FOR ALL THINGS, THERE MUST BE A
BALANCE. IT MAY BE THAT, IN ORDER TO
RETURN HERE FOR ANY PERIOD
OF TIME, HE MUST BALANCE
THE SCALES BY BRINGING
SOMEONE FROM HERE
INTO THE ASTRAL
PLANE, ALLOWING HIM
TO FUNCTION IN THIS
REALITY FOR A SET
PERIOD OF TIME.



THAT'S WHY HE'S GOING AFTER
RUNAWAYS, STREET KIDS AND USERS...
PICKING PEOPLE NOBODY'S
GONNA MISS.

EXACTLY.

OKAY, SO NOW
THAT WE KNOW WHAT
WE'RE UP AGAINST,
WHEN DO WE GO
AFTER HIM?



WE DON'T.
YOU DO.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WE DON'T?
I MEAN, YOU'RE LIKE THE SORCERER'S
MONTHLY FOLD-OUT FOR THE ASTRAL
PLANE. YOU LIKE FUZZY ANIMALS AND SAVING
WORLDS AND YOUR TURN-OFFS ARE
RUDE PEOPLE AND GUYS WITH MOIST,
GRABBY TENTACLES --

-- WHICH
IS **MOST** GUYS.
NOW THAT I THINK
ABOUT IT --

I'M
SORRY.



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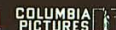


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I SEEN YOU BRINGING GUYS IN HERE, ASKIN' QUESTIONS, AND THAT CREEP SPIDER-MAN... YOU MESSIN' WITH MY CRIB, LITTLE GIRL... AND I DONT LIKE IT.

LOOK, YOU DONT WANT TO DO ANYTHING TO ME --

NO?



NO... BECAUSE I GOT FRIENDS, AND... AND IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME, THEY'LL --

THEY'LL WHAT?



EVERYBODY JUST GONNA SAY YOU MOVED ON, CAUSE THERE AINT GONNA BE NO BODY TO FIND. SEE, THAT WAS OUR DEAL. WE FIND PEOPLE FOR OUR GUY TO TAKE OUT, TAKE BACK INTO THE SHADOWS. GUYS NOBODY'S EVER GONNA MISS... AND IN RETURN, HE'S LIKE, OUR ENFORCER, Y'KNOW? WORKS OUT GREAT FOR EVERYBODY.



SO NOW WE GONNA DO SOME ENFORCING.



HEY.

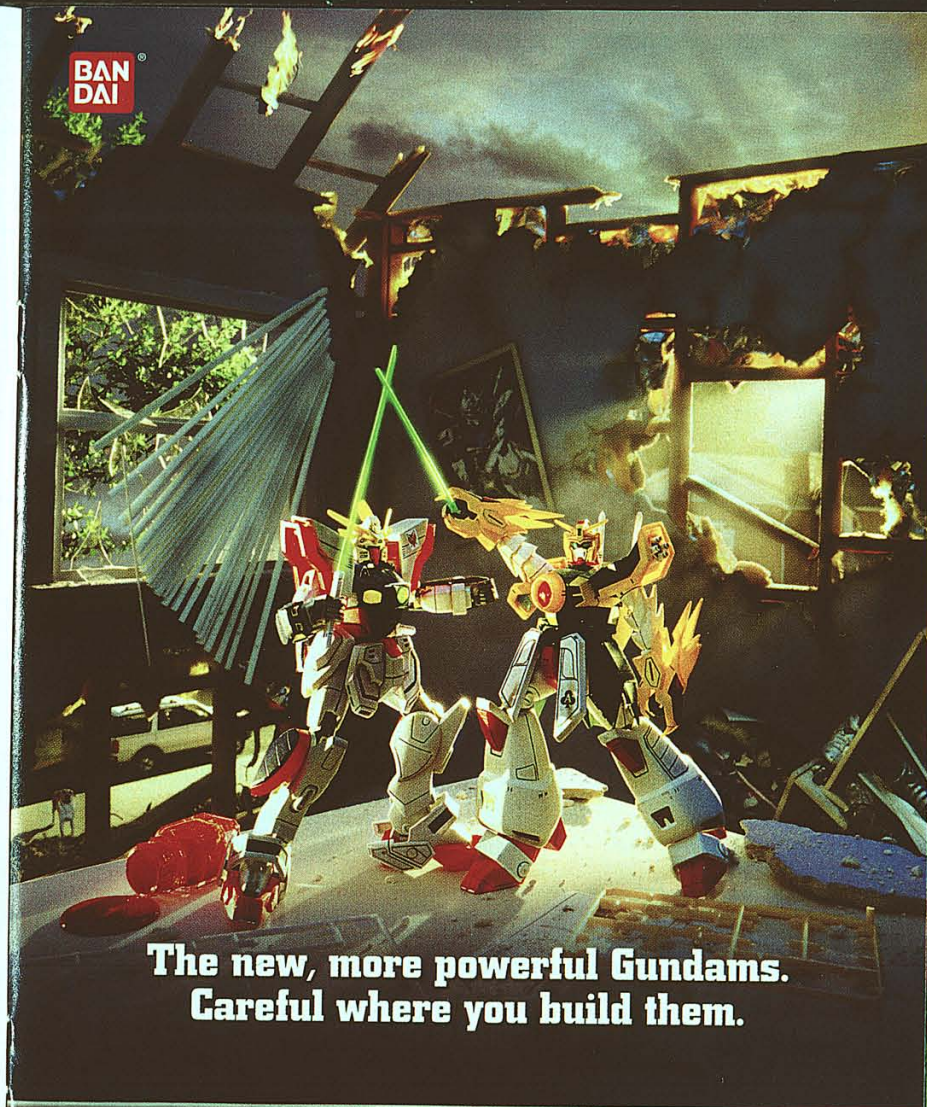


UHHMMMM...

SO WHAT'S YOUR FREAKIN' PROBLEM?



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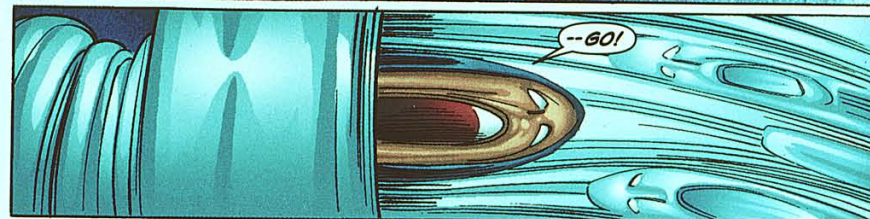


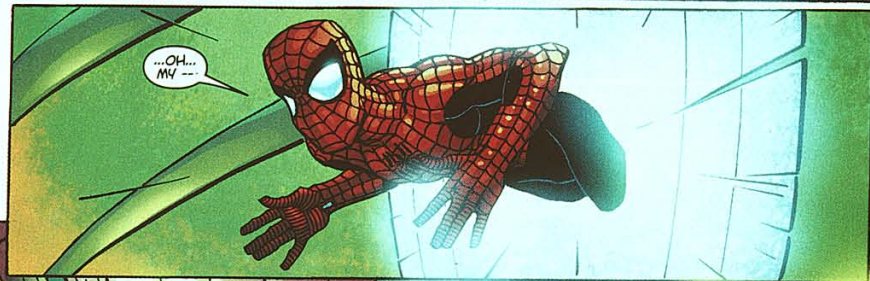
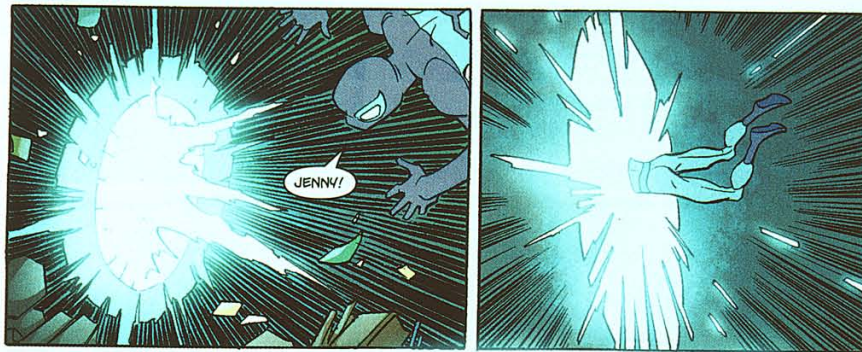
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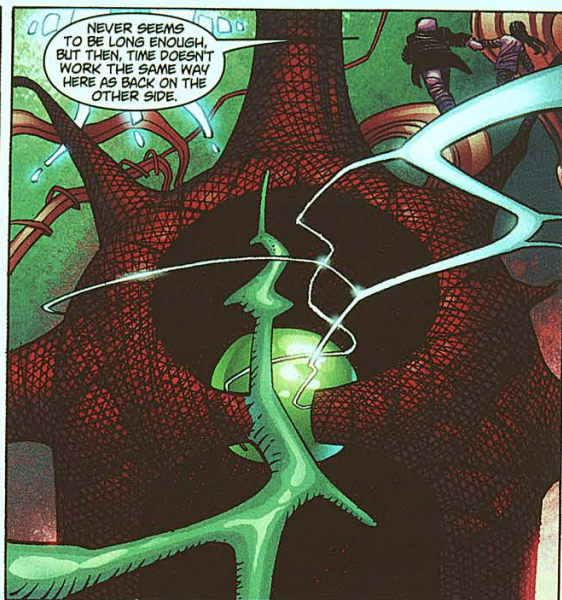
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LET ME GO!

SURE THING... JUST GONNA SHOVE YOU IN HERE WITH THE REST. SOON AS YOU'RE INSIDE, YOU'RE GONNA BUY ME A WHOLE DAY BEING SOLID AGAIN.



NEVER SEEMS TO BE LONG ENOUGH, BUT THEN, TIME DOESN'T WORK THE SAME WAY HERE AS BACK ON THE OTHER SIDE.



NOW WE --



UNGH!

RUN, JENNY! GET CLEAR!



SOUNDS TO ME LIKE YOU'RE STUCK HERE FOR A WHILE.

STUCK HERE WITH ME.



SUITS ME JUST FINE.



I HIT THE SHADE WITH EVERYTHING I'VE GOT. BUT WHATEVER FORCES HE'S TAPPED INTO MAKE HIM POWERFUL ON THIS SIDE.



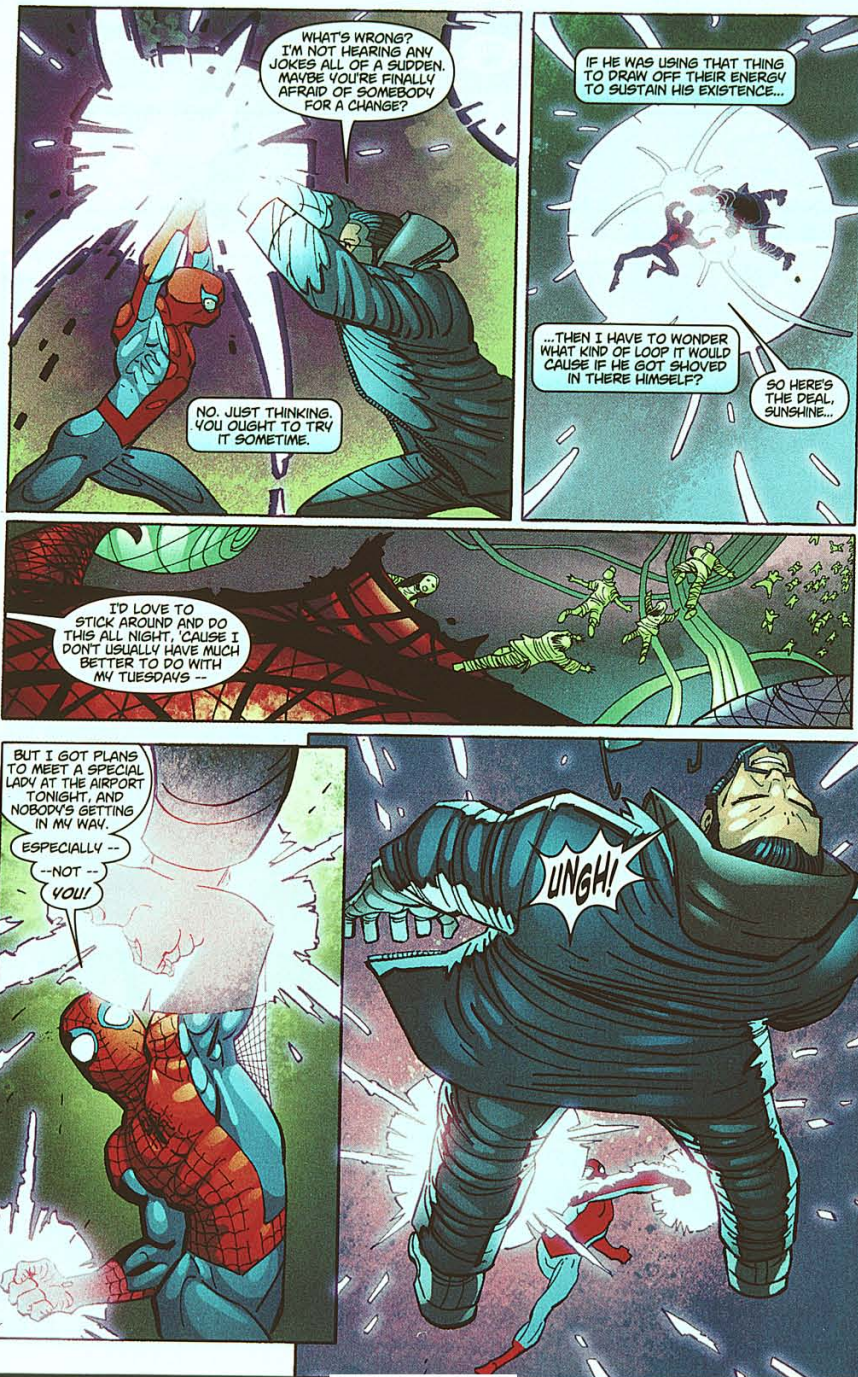
DOESN'T MATTER. I'M ON HIM NOW.

AND ONCE I'M ON SOMEONE, I DON'T LET GO. EVER.



AND THEN I SEE WHAT MAY BE MY ACE IN THE HOLE.

HURRY! C'MON!



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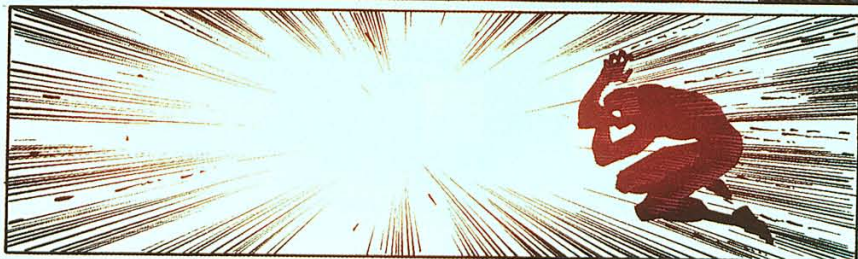
...NO...



NO!



AAAAGGGGHHH!



IS EVERYBODY OKAY?
IS --



...DUDE...



IS HE DEAD?

HE WENT BOOM.

YEAH, BUT IS HE DEAD?

LOOKS LIKE, BUT THAT NEVER SEEMS TO LAST AROUND HERE, DOES IT? HALF THE GUYS I KNOW WERE DEAD AT LEAST ONCE.

DID MOST OF 'EM A WORLD OF GOOD, TOO.



SO HOW DO WE GET OUTTA HERE?

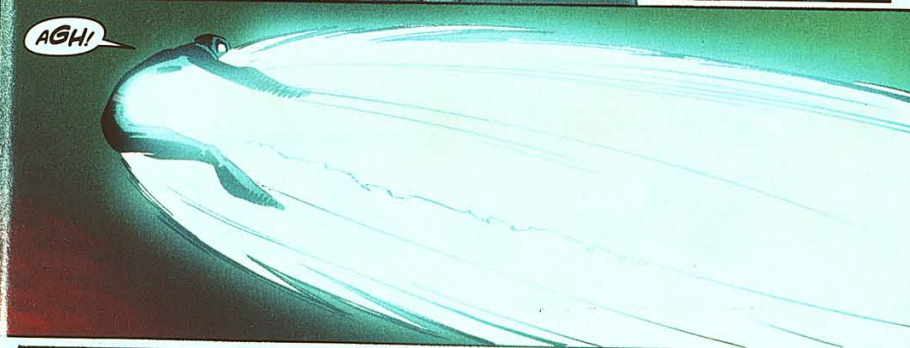
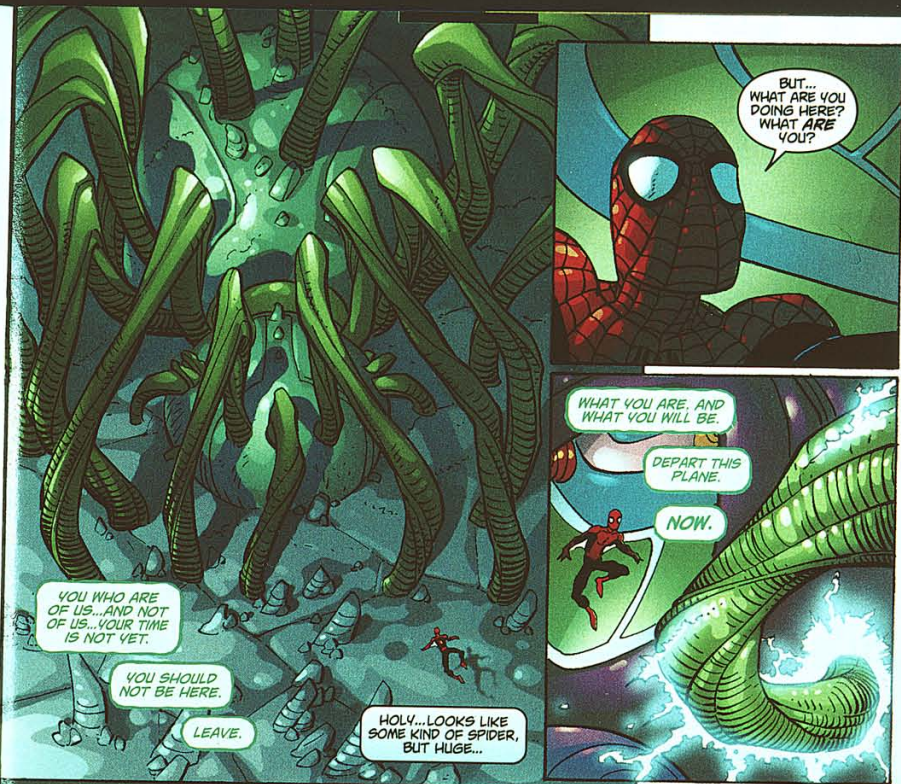
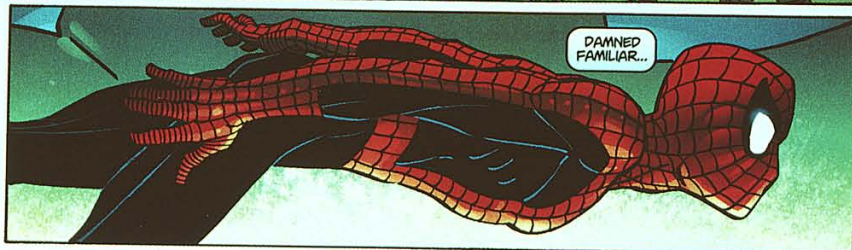
THE DOC SAID THE HAND OF VISHANTI COULD GET ME INTO THE ASTRAL PLANE, SO I'M GONNA HAVE TO GUESS THAT IF I CONCENTRATE, IT CAN GET ME BACK TO --



BINGO.



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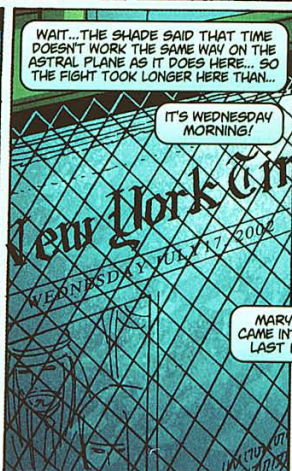


SPIDER-MAN?

SHE CAN'T SEE
ME ON THIS SIDE.
NO PROBLEM. JUST
GO TO THE DOC
AND HE'LL PUT ME
BACK IN MY BODY --



NO! CAN'T BE...



WAIT...THE SHADE SAID THAT TIME
DOESN'T WORK THE SAME WAY ON THE
ASTRAL PLANE AS IT DOES HERE... SO
THE FIGHT TOOK LONGER HERE THAN...

IT'S WEDNESDAY
MORNING!

MARY JANE
CAME INTO TOWN
LAST NIGHT!



LAST
NIGHT!



NO, AUNT
MAY... I DID. I WAITED
AN HOUR, THEN I HAD
TO GO. PETER NEVER
SHOWED UP.

YES, I'M
SURE THERE
WAS A GOOD
REASON.

THERE
ALWAYS
IS.



I CAN'T, MAY... I'D LIKE
TO, BUT AS I SAID, IT WAS
JUST FOR THE ONE
NIGHT. I HAVE TO
GET BACK FOR
A SHOOT.

MARY
JANE,
WAIT!



WELL, WHEN
YOU SEE HIM, SAY
HI FOR ME, AND
TELL HIM --

--TELL HIM
I GUESS SOME
THINGS JUST
WEREN'T MEANT
TO BE.

I'M HERE.
I'M RIGHT
HERE!

I LOVE
YOU TOO, MAY.
BYE.

YOU'VE GOT
TO FEEL ME HERE.
YOU HAVE TO!



--TO LOS
ANGELES NOW
BOARDING AT GATE
SEVENTEEN.

THERE'S --
THERE'S SO MANY
THINGS I WANTED
TO TELL YOU... LIKE HOW I
PULLED OUT EVERY
BIRTHDAY CARD YOU
EVER GAVE ME...

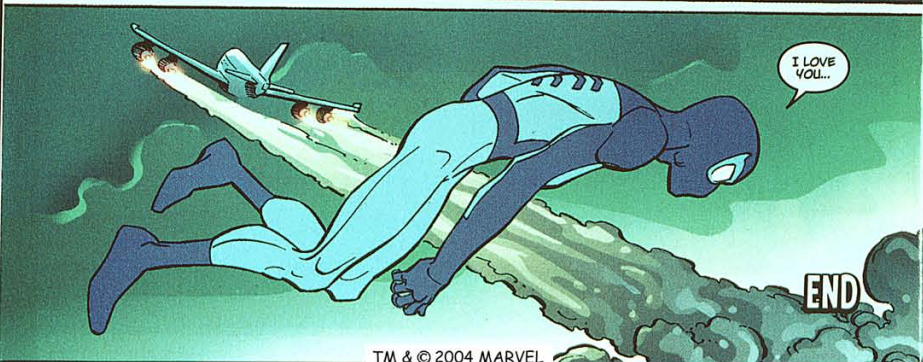
...HOW I KEPT
YOUR LAST MESSAGE ON MY
ANSWERING MACHINE JUST SO I
CAN HEAR YOUR VOICE BEFORE
GO TO SLEEP AT NIGHT...



I WAS GONNA... I WAS GONNA MAKE YOU LAUGH
AND TELL YOU THAT I MISSED YOU AND THAT
ANYBODY WHO MISSES SOMEBODY ELSE THAT
MUCH, THERE HAS TO BE A CHANCE,
Y'KNOW? THERE JUST HAS TO --



MJ... WAIT,
PLEASE!



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